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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Saunders et al.

Application No.: 08/956,349

Filed: October 23, 1997

For: METHOD FOR ANALYZING DNA
FROM A RARE CELL IN A CELL
POPULATION

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PETITION TO EXTEND TIME
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Sir:

Applicants petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to Office Action, dated December 8, 1998, for three (3) month, from March 8, 1999 to June 8, 1999. An appropriate response in the form of an amendment is enclosed herewith.

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